MMR_0213 John J. Mann

I am John Mann and I am the new (2009) Superintendent of the Rock River Valley Division. I would like to thank my predecessor, Don Brindle, for his hard work.

I have been Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster at various times during the past 19 or so years that I have been involved with the Division. In addition, I have organized several scratchbuilding projects and given several clinics over the years.

I am a Master Model Railroader (MMR #213) and was the Region AP chair for a number of years. I was also a Region Director at Large.

I have been the Registrar for several Region Conventions. I have always enjoyed the friends I have met through the division. I am an S Gauger and model the CB&Q in the Sixties through a freelance Chicago, Rockford and Northern which is based on the premise that the Burlington went to St.Paul through Rockford instead of Savanna.

A lot of my equipment and buildings are scratchbuilt. I also collect Gilbert American Flyer. I would like to see the Division grow by attracting new members who are hopefully younger than my 57 years. I want to see the Show and Sale continue to flourish as it is the best way we have to expose the public to our hobby.

In addition, the Young Engineer program is an excellent way to reach younger people. We will be exploring options regarding the modular layout. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome.